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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EFIS, JA  
SUBJECT: PROPOSED BILLFISH MEETING JULY 11-13

REF: STATE 127368

1. ALTHOUGH GOJ HAS NOT FORMALLY ACCEPTED INVITATION TO  
PROPOSED BILLFISH MEETING, WE EXPECT THEM TO DO SO  
WITHIN A WEEK.

2. FISHATT AND YONEZAWA OF FISHERIES AGENCY HAVE INFORMALLY  
DISCUSSED MEETING AND WAYS TO ENSURE USEFUL DIALOGUE BE-  
TWEEN GOVERNMENTS. YONEZAWA REQUESTED THAT USG PROVIDE GOJ  
WITH ITS PROPOSALS FOR REDUCING INCIDENTAL CATCH OF BILLFISH  
BY JUNE 20. HE WAS REMINDED BY FISHATT THAT JAPAN MAY BE  
IN BETTER POSITION TO DEVELOP PROPOSALS BECAUSE 1) JAPANESE  
FISHERMEN AND NOT U.S. FISHERMEN CARRYOUT LONGLINE FISHERY  
AND THUS ARE PROBABLY MUCH MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE THAN ANYONE  
IN U.S. ON BEHAVIOR OF BILLFISH DURING THE FISHING OPERATION  
AND 2) JAPAN HAS BEEN PRIMARY COLLECTOR OF LONGLINE  
TUNA AND BILLFISH CATCH STATISTICS OVER THE YEARS SO  
ALREADY ITS SCIENTISTS HAVE WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE ON  
ABUNDANCE AND DISTRIBUTION OF BILLFISH. YONEZAWA  
AGREED THAT THESE WERE VALID POINTS. HE AND FISHATT  
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FEEL THAT IT MAY BE WORTHWHILE FOR SCIENTISTS  
FROM TWO SIDES TO MEET FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS PRIOR TO  
MAIN MEEETING TO REVIEW DATA AND HAVE SOME PRELIMINARY  
RECOMMENDATIONS READY BY THE TIME MEETING STARTS JULY  
11 BECAUSE OF SHORT NOTICE OF MEETING,  
YONEZAWA NOT CERTAIN THAT JAPAN SCIENTISTS WOULD BE  
AVAILABLE NOR DID FISHATT MAKE ANY COMMITMENTS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON FURTHER DISCUSSIONS,  
ESPECIALLY, WHETHER USG WILLING TO AGREE TO MEETING  
OF SCIENTISTS BEFORE MAIN JULY 11-13 SESSION. ALSO  
BELIEVE IT WORTHWHILE TO PROVIDE GOJ MORE DEFINITIVE  
DESCRIPTION OF AREA OF CONCERN.  
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